

Letter from nephew of Mary Hayden Gifford to the pastor, Richard
Bond, at Kirk of the Hills Presby. Church, Dulosa, where
David Hackett was on the staff. 1988?

Rich
I was interested in the
item in the Steeple regarding
the Hackett and Underwood
connections with Korean mission
work as our family was also a
part of the early efforts in
that field.

my great aunt, Mary Hayden
Gifford and her husband
Dr. Daniel Lyman Gifford, served
in Seoul Korea as Presbyterian
missionaries from 1889 to 1900.

They had met as students at
Park College, Parkville, Mo. and
both went to Korea.

Shortly thereafter they were
married in the home of
Dr. Underwood in Seoul.

Her letters home vividly
described the setting including
the wedding decorations, just
where they stood in the room
and how they came in etc.

Dr. Sam Troffat performed the
Ceremony

It must have been quite an affair as practically all the members of the foreign legations were invited.

When Joyce, our daughter was married to Dr. Geo. Middeman in 1951 she wore Mary's wedding dress.

The Siffords served in Korea until 1900 when they were stricken with dysentery and died within three months of each other. Their grave is marked by beautiful monument in Seoul.

Cora